

REMARKS

Claims 150 to 256 are pending. Claims 196, 226 and 242 have been amended. The amendments to the claims are discussed below.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and entry of applicants' submission filed on August 15, 2008.

Amendment of the Claims

Claims 196 and 242 have been amended to correct a typographical error in the recitation of residues 50-65 of SEQ ID NO:27 for CDR-H2 to correctly state residues 50-66 of SEQ ID NO: 27. Support for the recitation in claims 196 and 242 that the CDR-H2 comprises residues 50-66 of SEQ ID NO:27 can be found, *inter alia*, in Figure 6 of the application as filed, and on page 52, lines 24-26 of the application as amended. SEQ ID NO:27 represents the sequence for the gH7 heavy chain.

Claim 226 has been amended to delete the term "CDR-grafted".

No new matter is added by any of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner requires applicants to elect a single species for CDR-H2 for prosecution on the merits, and states that claims 196 and 242 are generic. The Examiner further requires applicants to indicate which light chain or heavy chain the elected species reads on. Applicants elect without traverse residues 50-66 of SEQ ID NO:27 as the species for CDR-H2 to be examined. The elected species reads on the heavy chain sequences SEQ ID NO:27 and SEQ ID NO:30.

The Examiner requires identification of the claims that encompass the elected species. The claims that encompass the elected species of residues 50-66 of SEQ ID NO:27 for CDR-H2 are claims 150 to 218 and 242 to 256.

By reason of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this amendment and response.

If a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (845) 602-1842.

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